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IN RE AN EMERGENCY COMPLAINT
AGAINST NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC
SERVICE COMPANY ("NIPSCO") BY
THE COUNTY OF LAPORTE INDIANA
AND THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY
INDIANA RELATING TO THE PRACTICES
AND ACTS AFFECTING OR RELATING
TO THE SERVICE OF NIPSCO AS BEING
UNSAFE, UNREASONABLE AND
INSUFFICIENT PURSUANT TO IC 8-1-2-54,
AND REQUEST FOR COMMISSION
INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO IC 8-1-2-58)
AND REQUEST FOR AN INTERIM STATUS
QUO ORDER

CAUSE NO. 42194

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INDIANA UTILETY REGULATORY COMMISSION

You are hereby notified that on this date the Presiding Officer made the following entry in this Cause:

On March 23, 2004, Petitioner LaPorte County Board of Commissioners, and Intervenors, County of Lake and the Lake County Council, filed a *Motion for Extension of Time to File Responses to NIPSCO's Proposed Order* ("Motion"). In their Motion, the parties indicate that they need two additional weeks in which to file responses to NIPSCO's proposed order. In addition, the parties indicate that the schedule should be extended a like amount of time to allow NIPSCO to submit a reply to the responses. The parties indicate in their Motion that they have discussed this matter with NIPSCO and the OUCC, who do not oppose the extension of time.

Therefore, the Presiding Officer, having reviewed the Motion and being duly advised in the premises, hereby GRANTS the Motion. The Petitioner and Intervenors shall file their proposed orders with the Commission on or before April 12, 2004. NIPSCO shall file its reply to the responses on or before April 26, 2004.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Scott R. Storms, Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date

Nancy E. Manley, Secretary to the Commission